

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3. (cancelled).

4. (currently amended) A meat injection apparatus, comprising:
a horizontal conveyor for intermittently longitudinally moving
meat products to be injected,
a plurality of injection heads located over the
conveyor,
a bank of vertically disposed injection needles on each head,
a plurality of fluid reservoirs in fluid flow communication with
the heads and the needles therein to supply source of brine
fluid to the needles, wherein the concentration of brine
being different in each reservoir and having a
predetermined salt and nitrite concentrate,
wherein the banks of injection needles move downwardly to inject
the meat product based upon historical data to determine a
location of lean and fat areas in the meat products by
having an injection head connected to a reservoir having a
high concentration of brine to penetrate an area of fat,
and by having an injection head connected to a reservoir
having a lower concentration of brine to penetrate an area
of lean.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein a separate fluid pump is connected to each head.